

ABSTRACT

A method of generating suggestions for search criteria that improve searching in a
555 database of documents, by analyzing the documents comprising the result of the first
search to find at least one potential search criterion met by at least one of the documents;
and choosing search criteria that are met by a number of documents between two
thresholds and give substantially different search results. An interactive and iterative
method of searching a database of documents where each iteration uses criteria obtained
560 from the analysis of the results of previous iteration.